

of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction for each such offense be punished by a fine of not less than two hundred dollars (\$200) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500), or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed sixty days or by both such fine and imprisonment; proceedings to be instituted in any court of competent jurisdiction.

SEC. 5. Any person, owner or agent, operating a coal mine in this State who shall fail to comply with the provisions of this act, or who shall obstruct or hinder the carrying out of its requirements, shall be fined for the first offense not less than fifty dollars (\$50) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200); for the second offense not less than two hundred dollars (\$200) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500); and for a third offense not less than five hundred dollars (\$500); provided, that the provisions of this act shall apply only to coal mines whose product is shipped by rail or water. Failure to comply with the law.

SEC. 6. That section 17 of chapter 21 of the laws of 1884 is hereby repealed.

Approved April 6, 1888.

CHAPTER 54.

WEIGHING COAL AT MINES.

AN ACT to Establish a Uniform System of Weighing Coal at the Mines of this State, and to Punish certain Irregularities connected therewith. H. F. 24.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. That all coal mined in this State under contract for payment by the ton or other quantity shall be weighed before being screened unless otherwise agreed upon in writing, and the full weight thereof shall be credited to the miner of such coal; and eighty pounds of coal as mined shall constitute a bushel, and two thousand pounds of coal as mined shall constitute a ton. *Provided* that nothing in this act shall be so construed as to compel payment for sulphur rock slate black jack or other impurities including slack and dirt which may be loaded with or amongst such coal. Coal to be weighed before screening.

SEC. 2. Each State Mine inspector shall procure from the State Superintendent of weights and measures at the expense of the State, a full and complete set of standards, balances and other means of adjustment such as are necessary in the comparison and adjustment of the scales, beams and other apparatus used in weighing coal at the mines to the State Standards of weight; And it shall be the duty of said inspectors to exam- Mine Inspectors' apparatus.

ine, test and adjust as often as occasion demands all scales, beams and other apparatus used in weighing coal at the mines.

Damages
recovered.

SEC. 3. Any person damaged by reason of coal mined not having been weighed and credited to him in accordance with the provisions of this act may recover his damages in a civil action against the employer, but such action must be begun within two years after the right thereto accrued; but his right to recover in such action shall not be barred by reason of his having knowledge of the violation of this act at the time.

Approved April 12, 1888.

CHAPTER 55.

PROTECT WORKMEN IN MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF WAGES.

H. F. 112.

AN ACT to Provide for the Payment of Wages of Workmen Employed in Mines, in the State of Iowa, in Lawful Money of the United States, and to Protect said Workmen in the Management and Control of their own Earnings.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Script, checks,
drafts, etc.,
unlawful.

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, company or corporation, owning or operating coal mines in the State of Iowa, to sell, give, deliver or in any manner issue, directly or indirectly, to any person employed by him or it, in payment for wages due for labor, or as advances on the wages of labor not due, any script, check, draft, order or evidence of indebtedness, payable or redeemable otherwise than in their face value in money; any such person, firm, company or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this section, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding three hundred (300) dollars nor less than twenty five dollars, and the amount of any scrip, token, check, draft, order or other evidence of indebtedness, sold, given, delivered or in any manner issued in violation of the provisions of this act, shall recover in money at the suit of any holder thereof, against the person, firm, company or corporation, selling, giving, delivering, or in any manner issuing the same: provided that this act shall not apply to any person, firm, company or corporation employing less than ten (10) persons.

Coercion in
matters of
purchase for-
bidden.

SEC. 2. Whoever compels, or in any manner seeks to compel or coerce an employe of any person, firm, company or corporation, to purchase goods or supplies from any particular person, firm, company or corporation, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred (500) dollars or imprisonment